

CENTRAL EUROPEAN JEWS

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The immigration into the International Settlement of Shanghai of Jewish refugees from Europe is now under the control of the Municipal Police and without Immigration Certificates issued by the Police entry is not allowed.

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Those refugees who have been residing in Shanghai for some length of time - twelve months or so - and who have established themselves as honest, self-supporting citizens are allowed to apply for permission to bring their relatives into the Settlement. The applicants must be financially competent and of good character and if their incomes are sufficient to support the prospective new arrivals without their becoming a public charge then their applications are given consideration. In addition certain reputable concerns of good standing offer employment to Jews now residing in Europe and thus afford these persons the opportunity of settling down in Shanghai. The salaries offered in such instances must be sufficient to permit the new comers to be self-supporting.

In both instances, as outlined above, the applications are submitted to the Special Branch of the Municipal Police through the ~~intermediary~~ ^{medium} of the Committee For the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, 177 Embankment Building. The Committee receives the applications and, if approving of them, passes them to ~~the Chairman~~, Chairman of the Committee, for signature, indicating that the applicants are able to carry out the obligations they undertake in their applications.

The applications are then returned to the applicants who then appear at Police Headquarters on Tuesday and Friday mornings with their applications.

The Special Branch take possession of the applications and make each and every one the subject of an intensive investigation. Proof of possessing sufficient financial means is the main point in respect of applicants requiring



the immigration of their relatives while in those instances where employment is offered care is taken by the investigating officer that the contract offered is a legitimate one and not merely a contract on paper.

A large proportion of the applications are rejected by the Special Branch on various grounds, however, and though it has been observed that numerous attempts have been made to evade the restrictions imposed, applicants are never successful in so doing.

Permits, valid for four months, are issued to successful applicants for which a nominal charge is made. These certificates are then despatched to the refugee in Europe by the applicant.

Some weeks or months later, the refugee in question arrives in Shanghai. He is required to report at the Special Branch after disembarkation when his (her) personal details are recorded and the permit returned and cancelled.

He (she) is required to reside in the Settlement, South of the Creek, and an adequate check is maintained by the Special Branch to ensure that this order is carried out.

Close contact between the Special Branch and the Jewish Committees is constantly maintained so that all relevant information relating to Jewish immigration problems is instantly available.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 28, 1940. 2 40

Subject (in full) Jewish Refugees - Arrival of.

Made by D.S. Hocking

Forwarded by D.I. Crawford.

On 22-2-40, 73 Jewish refugees arrived in Shanghai from Genoa and Bombay on board the Lloyd Triestino s.s. "Conte Biancamano". Their addresses in Shanghai together with other particulars are given on the passenger manifest which is available in this office.

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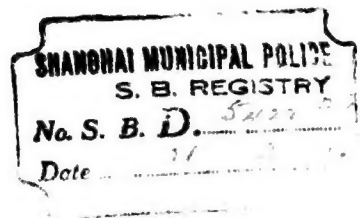
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February 24,

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Paul Komor, Esq.,
 Hon. Secretary,
 The International Committee for the
 Organization of European Immigrants in China,
 Shanghai.

Sir,

I have to refer to your letter of February 19
 regarding a transit visa for Mr. and Mrs. Ettinger.

It is felt that it is not appropriate for the
 Council to assume responsibilities in respect of refugees
 coming to China who wish to reside in cities other than
 Shanghai.

Whilst in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Ettinger the
 Police are prepared to issue a permit for their entry into
 and temporary residence in the International Settlement
 south of Soochow Creek, such permit cannot be issued until
 such time as the Police have evidence that there is no
 objection on the part of the local Japanese Consular
 Authorities. It would be necessary, therefore, for your
 Committee first to approach the latter Authorities.

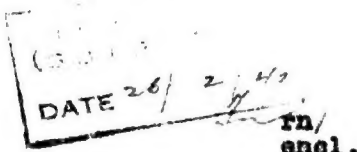
I return the four enclosures accompanying your
 letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. T. NASH

Assistant Secretary.



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 Date 23 2 46

February 23 40.

E. T. Nash, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Dear Nash,

with reference to the application for a transit visa for Mr. and Mrs. O. Ettinger made by the Jewish Committee, I am of the opinion that the views of H.I.J.M. Consular Authorities ought to be obtained.

Obviously Mr. and Mrs. Ettinger are not in the least likely to become indigent cases, but it would be a mistake, I think, for us to undertake obligations in respect of persons coming to China to reside in cities other than Shanghai.

Yours sincerely,

R.H.

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

Original enclosures
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